

HOUSE BILL No. 1146

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-6.

Synopsis: Taking wild animals with a spotlight or silencer. Allows an employee of the department of natural resources (DNR) or an employee of a federal wildlife management agency to use an artificial light or a silencer to take an animal if the employee: (1) is acting in the performance of the employee's duties; and (2) has received the express written consent of the director of the DNR.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 7. **(a) This section**
3 **does not apply to an employee of the department or an employee**
4 **of a federal wildlife management agency who:**

- 5 **(1) is acting in the performance of the employee's duties; and**
6 **(2) has received the express written consent of the director for**
7 **the employee's action.**

8 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** A person may not knowingly throw or cast the rays of any
9 spotlight or other artificial light:

- 10 **(1) not required by law on a motor vehicle; and**

- 11 **(2) in search of or upon any wild bird or wild animal;**

12 from a vehicle while the person possesses a firearm, bow, or crossbow,
13 if by throwing or casting the rays a wild bird or wild animal could be
14 killed. This subsection applies even though the animal is not killed,
15 injured, shot at, or otherwise pursued.

16 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** A person may not take any wildlife, except furbearing
17 mammals, with the aid of illumination of any spotlight, searchlight, or



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1 other artificial light.

2 ~~(c)~~ (d) A person may not shine a spotlight, searchlight, or other
3 artificial light for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or assisting
4 another person to take a deer.

5 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-6-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 11. (a) **This section
7 does not apply to an employee of the department or an employee
8 of a federal wildlife management agency who:**

9 (1) **is acting in the performance of the employee's duties; and**

10 (2) **has received the express written consent of the director for
11 the employee's action.**

12 (b) A person may not:

13 (1) use or possess an apparatus designed for use with or on a
14 firearm commonly called a silencer; or

15 (2) use or possess a device used as a silencer;

16 in Indiana while in the act of hunting.

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